

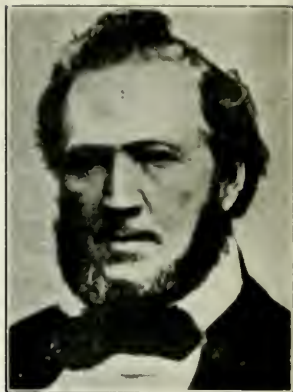
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BRIGHAM YOUNG— PROPHET, PRESIDENT, PIONEER



IN this centennial year, much honour and praise is given to the Pioneers of a century ago. No individual Pioneer deserves more honour and praise than does Brigham Young, leader of the journey across the vast plains of the United States and second President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He might well be termed the "Moses of the latter-day dispensation," for as Moses led the children of Israel from bondage, so Brigham Young led the Saints of the latter day from persecution and vilification.

Brigham Young's first introduction to the Restored Gospel was in the Spring of 1830, when he examined a Book of Mormon brought to his neighbourhood by the Brother of the Prophet Joseph, Elder Samuel H. Smith. Two years later, he was baptised into the Church. From that day on, Brigham Young was a most indefatigable and fearless follower of the Prophet Joseph. He filled missions in England, Canada and in various parts of the United States.

In 1835, Brigham Young was chosen as a member of the Quorum of the Twelve and in 1841 was called to preside over the Quorum. When the Prophet Joseph Smith was martyred in 1844, the responsibility of leadership of the Church rested upon the shoulders of President Young.

It was less than two years later that he was called to fulfil the greatest mission of his life—that of leading the Saints from Nauvoo across plain and wilderness to the Valley of the Great Salt Lake. Here, under the direction of President Young, a barren desert was made to "blossom as the rose."

In the words of Preston Nibley, prominent Church author, "President Young's life is a priceless heritage to the Latter-day Saints. All that we teach and all that we stand for, are embodied in him. Generations yet unborn will turn to him for inspiration, counsel and advice. Even though dead, he lives in the hearts of all those who are engaged in the grand task of building on earth 'the Kingdom of God'."

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THIS MONTH'S COVER — — — — "THIS IS THE PLACE" MONUMENT

ON July 24th, this massive monument, erected in commemoration of the Pioneer pilgrimage of a century ago, will be dedicated. The structure of the monument is made of granite and the sculpture is made of bronze. The total height is fifty-six feet, and the width, eighty-six feet. The figures atop the main pylon are, from left to right, Heber C. Kimball, Brigham Young, and Wilford Woodruff. The monument stands at the foot of Emigration Canyon, Salt Lake City, near the spot where Brigham Young said, "This is the place."

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MORMONISM

POINTS THE WAY

LUTHER BURBANK, an American scientist, shortly before his death, wrote a book called "The Harvest of Years," from which I quote:

"What is civilisation? What is idealism? Which way does our future lie? Why do we progress so slowly? After more than thirteen centuries of Mohammedanism, twenty centuries of Christianity, twenty-five centuries of Buddhism and Confucianism, and 4,000 years of Hebrew religion, we are still greedy, cruel, selfish, shortsighted in our relations, and ready to go to war on almost any pretext and dissipate in a few months the savings of decades, the flower of our youth, and the friendliness that it has taken a half century to build up.

"After years spent in fostering education and encouraging scientific research, we will throw all our hard earned lessons aside in a moment of anger or of rapacity, and become savages again. Is there no hope for us, or are we to go forever, like the frog in the well, slipping back one foot for every two we gain?"

He further says:

"There is a positive and negative force, building up and pulling down, forward-moving and retrogressive—there is a pull of two powers all the time, and sometimes the upward pull is stronger and sometimes the downward pull has the mastery. . . .

"The duty of each individual is to make himself an influence on the right side; electrons and molecules and all those particles that physical science deals with have no choice, but must pull or push, attract or repel, according to their order; it is only man who can make himself a tiny fragment of good influence and join the positive and constructive

By Clifford E. Young

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element in this eternal and necessary tug-of-war toward progress one way and toward chaos the other.

"If it were not for the tendency of strong, wise and good men, most of the women, and practically all of the little children of the world, to want to get on the right side and make the pull an upward movement instead of a downward drag, I could well be discouraged with civilisation."

From a recent article by Paul Hutchison, Managing Editor of the "Christian Century," in one of America's leading weekly magazines, I quote:—

"When the present century opened, the religious sceptics, and economical and physical determinists seemed to be sweeping the field of intelligent thought. They are still strong today. The United Nations have just chosen as the director of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural organisation, Julian Huxley, who declares: 'I do not believe in God because I think the idea has ceased to be a useful hypothesis.' . . . A report adopted last year by the Church of England declared that the work of the churches must now start from the premise that Britain is a pagan nation."—"Life" Magazine, March 10th, 1947.

Here in America, reports indicate that we have one divorce for every two and one half marriages, and in some States we have one divorce for every marriage. Some of the causes attributed to this moral breakdown are too

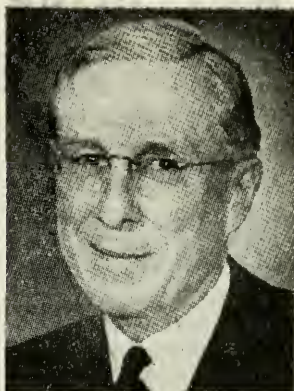
much money incident to the war, cramped living quarters, increase of drinking, relaxed opinions concerning marriage and the home, and dwindling religious influences. The chief problems we face today are not the problems incident to the war and its aftermath. These are only symptoms of a disease rampant in our civilisation.

The most urgent problem of our time is the spiritual problem. Unless this problem is solved our civilisation will fail. The only practical alternative to an evil faith is a better faith. Verily, men like sheep have gone astray. "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns that can hold no water." Surely the time has come "when men will not endure sound doctrine. . . and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables."

On that Spring morning of 1820 when the Lord appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith, he was told that the doctrines of men were being taught for the commandments of God, and that the time would soon come when the Gospel would be restored to the earth.

The past century has witnessed the greatest progress in scientific discovery in the history of man. It is said that the past fifty years has seen greater progress in science and discovery than the previous two thousand years. But with it all, the spiritual development has not kept pace with this mechanical and scientific development. Men have harnessed wind to sails, steam to cylinders, and gasoline to pistons. The radio, automobile, the aeroplane, the telephone, all have become common place. Yet there has been and still is something lacking in human experience that provides for spiritual security.

In 1st Nephi, 8: 19-20, we read of the vision of the iron rod that was given to Lehi and then to his son, Nephi, to whom the meaning of it was made known. When Nephi asked the Lord,



Clifford E. Young

"What meanest the rod of iron which our father saw?" he was told that it symbolised the work of God and that those who would hearken unto the word of God and hold fast would never perish, neither could the temptations and fiery threats of the adversary overpower them into blindness to lead them away to destruction. Here we have the answer to Luther Burbank's question, "Which way does our future lie?"

The message of Jesus Christ is a practical message. It is not a religion for just the Sabbath day, or for Church service, or for ritual, but it is a religion that offers a solution for the ills and distresses in which the world finds itself today. The Gospel of Jesus Christ teaches love of our fellow man, honesty in our dealings, a pure and righteous life in our living. In other words, the precepts we hear on the Sabbath day and read about in holy writ, translated into our lives give us the force that enables us to do our part in making the world a better place in which to live.

Moreover, the Gospel does more than that—it helps us at a time when we face a crossroad and points the way.

Perhaps we in America, never will know of the sorrow and anguish that has come to the British people during

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A RETURNED

MISSIONARY WRITES

ON Friday evening, April 14th, 1947, I had the great privilege of gathering with the Saints and Missionaries from Great Britain at the annual meeting of the British Mission Association held in the University Ward Chapel in Salt Lake City, Utah.

This particular meeting was a most gratifying experience in terms of re-kindling the wonderful emotions associated with my experience in the British Isles. The great pleasure of shaking hands with President and Mrs. Anastasiou, President and Mrs. Dunn, and Mr. and Mrs. Gittins, to mention but a few, seemed to take me back over the intervening years and brought to mind many pleasant memories.

I am happy to say that there is a tremendous re-birth of spirit and enthusiasm over our British Missionary Association, and not the least of the many contributing factors is the steady flow of missionaries leaving Zion for England. Then, too, we have the opportunity of catching the feeling of the Saints in Great Britain through Elder Ezra Taft Benson and President Hugh B. Brown and others associated with them recently in the mission field.

RECALLS MISSIONARY LABOURS

I am very grateful for this opportunity to express, through the medium of the *Millennial Star*, my love and appreciation to the many Saints in Great Britain whose kindly acts and tolerant understanding so richly blessed my life.

During the period of my mission, 1935 to 1937, it was my happy privilege to travel frequently over the entire mission and meet most of the Saints in their respective branches.

First, in the role of a co-lecturer presenting the story of the American Red Indians and the Book of Mormon with Elder J. Ridge Hicks, and later Elder David C. Thomas; and second,

By Ralph W. Hardy

with the Millennial Chorus, I went from district to district finding in each place the warmth and humility of the Latter-day Saints, and learning to love and appreciate them for their untiring devotion to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I became more proud each day of my mission experience that my noble ancestors had their roots deep in the soil of this favoured Island.

ASSISTS IN CHURCH BROADCASTS

Since I left Great Britain in March of 1937, the Lord has indeed been good to me. On arriving home in Salt Lake City, I found employment in a work that has long interested me—radio broadcasting. I joined the staff of Radio Station KSL in Salt Lake City, on April 1st, 1937, and have remained with that fine institution to this day.

In America, the Radio Broadcasting System of the country is in the hands of private ownership, and the majority ownership of Station KSL is held by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Through the medium of Station KSL, it is our privilege each Sunday morning to broadcast the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir and Organ to a nationwide audience in America and Canada. The size of this weekly audience listening to the Choir and Organ has been estimated by a national research organization to be in excess of four million people.

In addition to this marvellous service, four times each year the facilities of a nationwide network of radio stations (The Columbia Broadcasting System) are made available through Radio Station KSL, to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to present speakers on the "Church of the Air".

Most of the General Authorities of
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PIONEER

FOUNDATIONS

THE Pioneers placed their trust in God. Brigham Young, their leader, was a Prophet of God who outlined and directed their destiny. It was he who brought peace and happiness to a people harassed and driven. His prophetic power, his clear vision and his indomitable courage served as guide and compass in all emergencies. A people without faith and divine guidance would have faltered and failed.

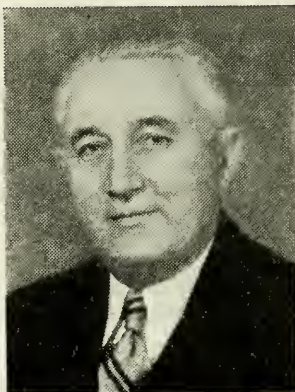
Surcharged with a constructive faith the Pioneers laid the foundations of a commonwealth. They worked and worshipped. They fought the elements and forces which conspired against them. Their emblem was the beehive. It signified activity, organisation and frugality. They built churches, tabernacles and temples which stand as shining monuments to a powerful and soul-satisfying faith. They subdued the desert lands and converted them into beautiful gardens and productive farms. They assailed ignorance with schools, colleges and libraries. They printed newspapers and magazines.

Their community life grew and developed in a cultural background which fostered music, the drama and the dance. Every factor necessary for a permanent, stable and sound civilisation was supplied in the colonisation and settlement of Utah and adjacent states.

During the crucial and trying periods of pioneer history the missionary propaganda of the Church was never permitted to lag and reached out to distant countries and to the islands of the sea. It was a testimony to the world of their sincerity, their integrity and their spirituality.

The men and women who made their way across the prairies were not deceived by unscrupulous leaders. They were not fooled by glowing promises of

By Alma Sonne



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Twelve**

worldly gain. They went forth like conquerors to face hardships and privations and to establish themselves "in the midsts of the Rocky Mountains." In the solitudes of the desert these Children of God, like Israel of old, had time to think and pray and to ponder their responsibilities. Never once did they descend from the high pinnacle of their faith and integrity.

In the long, weary marches over dusty, sunbaked plains they had opportunity to dream of homes, farms, comforts, forsaken for the Gospel's sake. What power sustained them? What unseen hand lifted them out of the primaevial chaos and planted their feet solidly on the rocks of industry and enterprise? Was it not their faith in an Over-ruling Providence and in their own destiny as a people? Who guided their footsteps and tempered the elements? The answer comes as we sing their songs and read their testi-

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MORMONISM

IS SPIRITUAL SANITY

TODAY, in this year of grace—and the atom bomb—there are more than three-hundred recognised religions. More than two-hundred and fifty claim to be Christian. But, in practise they differ widely.

Which, then, has true title to the name, "Church of Christ"?

In the scriptures, the basis of Christianity, it is laid down that a tree is known by its fruit. This is but another way of saying that a church must be measured by the quality—not merely the quantity—of its members.

The quality of a church can only be judged by the faith and the work of its people resulting from its teaching and practice.

On this basic calculation the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stands pre-eminent among the Christians of today in its contribution to human welfare and happiness.

It is in fact a living example of one of the oldest maxims for the well-being of mankind: "A sound mind in a sound body."

By parable and by example our Saviour hammered this maxim of practical sanity into history. His whole organisation of the primitive Church was designed to ensure that happiness which was the divine purpose from the creation of the world.

When a century or two after those early days the Church became tainted by the self-seeking and expediency of Rome, this sanity died away. The dreadful results of this departure from the word of God is the story of the last fifteen hundred years.

Then when the human race first began its great slide to what looked like an irreparable disaster, God in His mercy and exactly as had been foretold by His prophets thousands of years ago, re-established His Church in the same form as He had done through the Saviour.

By Vivian Meik

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fourth article written especially for the readers of the "Millennial Star" by Vivian Meik, noted diplomatic correspondent and former member of South London Branch. Mr. Meik left London by plane on June 21st enroute to Salt Lake City, where he now resides.

We claim that this Church was re-established by direct revelation of God to Joseph Smith. The proof is in the fact that not all the studies of expert theologians, not all the abuse and ridicule of rivals who feared eclipse, not all the persecution of intolerance and bigotry—not all the intrigue of enemies has upset our claim since it was first made.

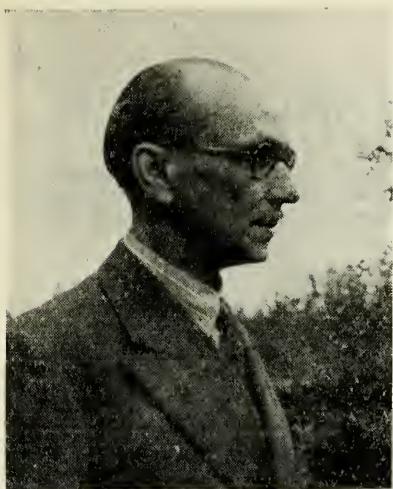
In actual facts these things have had exactly the opposite effect. Today we are stronger than ever and more highly respected than before.

As comparison between the various religions is continued, it also becomes obvious that the formula: "A sound mind and a sound body," is not only a physical epigram but a proverb of deep religious significance.

If you will recall that great hinge on which true Christianity is often balanced—the Sermon on the Mount—you will also recall how the multitude were miraculously fed by our Saviour.

There you have both the precept and the practise of our Church in a sentence. We, too, make the material of our people a primary consideration.

Accepting the Saviour's technique of organisation to its least detail because we have proved the divine authority for this, our sustained leaders, under the guidance of equally well proved revelation, have been inspired to devise a system of welfare to look after our



Vivian Meik

members which surpasses that of any church in history.

Now it is a well known fact that neither religion nor civilisation can be maintained on an empty stomach. Our Church goes even further. They know that humanity in the mass cannot and will not sustain an empty religion. The Saviour told His apostles that they must "tend His sheep." That was one of the first charges He laid on them. Any religion which claims to be apostolic and which fails to "tend His sheep" cannot be HIS religion. There is no other test. There is no other comparison.

Sometimes such a religion may last awhile when it is held under the iron grip of a totalitarian minority, but its eventual break-up is certain. It cannot go from strength to strength in the manner of free men under a God of love. We believe that it is thus that we are marching on because God revealed Himself to Joseph Smith for this express purpose—to re-establish His Church. But to my mind that belief by itself as a sane design for living is not enough to guarantee our continued progress.

We still have bitter enemies and we must impress them with our spiritual sanity no less than with our

spiritual courage and determination. It is our individual and collective responsibility to do so whenever we can—and our strongest weapon is our combined faith and good works. We must LIVE our religion.

Facts show that we are the one Church in Christendom which is not divided against itself. Internal dissension is the infallible sign of ultimate decay. There can only be one reason for this—we are guided through our inspired leaders and direct revelation in the ways of the Saints as laid down by the Saviour. We have every single spiritual and practical foundation He put down as a basis for His own Church to save mankind. We have apostles, prophets, revelation . . .

By means of this design for salvation we are guaranteed the enjoyment of the promised gifts and powers of the Holy Ghost and all the consequent marvellous manifestations to which so many of us can already bear testimony.

We have the combined truth and practical sanity of fellowship and of God's revelation—our brotherhood and sisterhood. Together they have brought us triumphantly to our glorious Centennial.

Spiritual sanity—call it God's wisdom if you like, whichever name we use; it brings us at once to the words of the Apostle James. Let us remember these words each night as we think in prayer on the day that has passed:

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord . . ."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints asks in faith, nothing wavering. The Church shall indeed challenge world judgment of the "fruit of the tree," our spiritually sane doctrine and our spiritually sane practise of this doctrine—together the welfare of the body and the salvation of the soul of its people.

PIONEERS OF UTAH AND BRITAIN

THE CHURCH in Britain is following closely the Centennial Celebrations in Utah, for the Pioneers of Utah had long been associated with the British Mission. In the decade preceding the epoch of 1847, the British Mission had flourished.

It was July 20th, 1837, at Liverpool, that Heber C. Kimball, Orson Hyde, Willard Richards, Joseph Fielding and three others landed after a twenty-day Atlantic crossing. These missionaries brought a message that was to touch the hearts of Englishmen, Scotsmen, Welshmen and Irishmen, and, at length, extend beyond the narrow seas into many countries of Europe.

And what was this message that was to challenge the stoutest heart, and leave a mark not only in the large towns and the mansions of the mighty, but also in the smallest village and humblest cottage? It was the GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST divinely restored in this latter day. Their message was to the HONEST OF HEART in Britain who were in search of light and truth.

Quick to realise the import of the Restored Gospel, these truth seekers soon allied themselves with the Church. Within five months, the seven Pioneer missionaries baptised over 600 persons, organised twenty congregations and spread the Gospel message throughout the land. In 1840, Wilford Woodruff was enabled, through the blessings of God, to convert over 1,800 souls in eight months.

By the time that Brigham Young and the Pioneers entered the Great Salt Lake Valley in July, 1847, over 20,000 persons had joined the Church in Britain, of which more than 3,500 had emigrated to join the Saints in Missouri, and become members of the first companies of Pioneers to cross the plains.

Ten men from Britain were in the First Company with Brigham Young when he entered the Valley in 1847. It is estimated that during the past century, as many as 100,000 Latter-day Saints crossed the ocean from Britain to America. Some outstanding Englishmen were William Clayton, who heartened the Saints with his songs; John Taylor, who became President of the Church; Charles W. Penrose and James E. Talmage. Outstanding Scotsmen were Chas. W. Nibley and William Ballantyne. From Ireland came Charles A. Callis and from Wales we have Captain Dan Jones and Evan Stephens.

Truly 1947 is a year in which the whole Church may rejoice, and the British Saints are happy to join with the people of Utah in honouring those stalwarts of a century ago who were prepared to give everything they possessed in their struggle for freedom and the preservation of their testimonies. Utah and Britain are inseparably tied together by blood and by friendships and by the love for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May these ties always remain as strong as the Saints in both countries recall the struggles of the past and plan a glorious future.

—DAVID E. GARDNER.

Introduction of the GOSPEL IN SCOTLAND

A QUIZ for Scottish Saints might well contain such questions as, "Who was Samuel Mulliner?" and "Who was Alexander Wright?" While these names are not blazoned in Church History, they are important to us of the Scottish District inasmuch as they are the names of the first missionaries to set foot in "Auld Scotia."

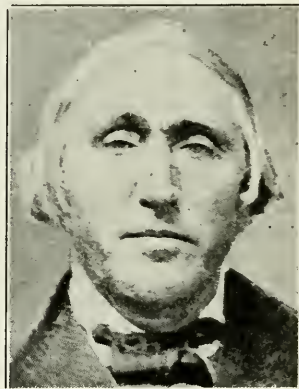
On the 20th day of December, 1839, these hardy souls arrived in Glasgow. Elder Mulliner, a native of Haddington, East Lothian and Dunbar, was 30 years of age at the time. His companion, Elder Wright, was five years older and claimed Banff as his birthplace.

Each told a similar story. Following the dictum, "Go West young man," they had left home early in life seeking financial gain on the New Continent.

Instead they found gains of a spiritual nature in the teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith. They recognised the truth and thus embraced the Restored Gospel. Now they had returned as missionaries, to spread the glad tidings among their own kinsfolk. The missionaries officially commenced their activities on January 10th, 1840, at Bishopton, Renfrewshire. The first baptisms were performed in the River Clyde four days later when Alexander Hay and his wife, Jessie, became the first fruits of the Scottish missionaries' labours. The first Sacrament was administered in Brother Hay's home when the baptisms were confirmed and the Hay children blessed. That evening there was a spiritual manifestation; Elder Mulliner spoke in tongues.

As the work grew apace, so did opposition. However, despite the ridicule of the press and the condemnation of the paid ministry, many successes were recorded. The Gospel was preached in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Paisley, Johnston and numerous other towns.

By John S. MacKay
Glasgow Branch



Samuel Mulliner

When Orson Pratt arrived early in May, he found 80 members. On May 8th, 1840, under his direction, the first Branch was organised at Paisley. Elder Pratt then proceeded to Edinburgh. On the day after his arrival, he retired to a rugged hill known as "Arthur's Seat." There, in solitude, he prayed to the Lord to give him 200 souls. His prayer was answered.

By July, five Branches were organised. The month of October saw the membership of the District reach the 250 mark. The seeds sown by Samuel Mulliner and Alexander Wright, had taken firm root in the short space of nine months. The peak of Scottish District membership was reached in 1853 when 3,291 members were to be found on the records.

Many staunch Saints turned their backs on the heather hills to gaze on the fair face of Zion. The cropper from the glen; the deer stalker from the hills; the fisher of the silver

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BRITISH PIONEERS of The First Company

WITH THE INITIAL COMPANY
OF PIONEERS WERE TEN
NATIVE SONS OF BRITAIN.
FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF
BIOGRAPHY OF EACH.

THIS, the centennial year of the entering of the Mormon Pioneers into the Great Salt Lake Valley has a double significance. While to us it stands for the establishment of a place where our people could be free to worship God according to the plan He had revealed to us, it is important to others from a purely materialistic standpoint. It marks the establishment of the first permanent settlement of white people in the great crown of America—the Rocky Mountain West.

This venture, the result of which was falsely predicted by even such great Western explorers as Jim Bridger, required not only a deep and abiding faith in the divine purpose in their mission, and the watchful care and protection of the Lord above, but it also required a great amount of physical courage, and the "know-how" of empire building and colonisation.

The truth of how well these conditions were met, can be learned by even a brief examination of the backgrounds of the members of the original company who entered the Valley on July 21st, 22nd and 24th, under the leadership of President Brigham Young. Included in the 143 men, three women, and two children of the first company, were ten native sons of Britain. Their lives are characteristic of the type that made up the Pioneer bands.

WILLIAM CLAYTON

Best known of the group is William Clayton. Although his greatest claim to fame was that he wrote one of the most beautiful and best-loved of all Latter-day Saint hymns, "Come, Come, Ye Saints," he had qualities, both spiritual and temporal, which made

By Elder Guy L. Merkley
Travelling Lecturer

him of singular value in the colonisation of the West.

Brother Clayton was born in Penworthan, Lancashire. He was one of the first to embrace the Gospel in Great Britain and joined the Church in 1837. When Heber C. Kimball and Orson Hyde returned to America, leaving the British Mission to be presided over by Joseph Fielding, Brother Clayton was appointed second counsellor to President Fielding. He left his private business to devote his full time to the promulgation of the Gospel in this land.

This experience in Church administration in the mission field prepared Brother Clayton for his subsequent task—that of clerk to the Prophet Joseph Smith. His work as private secretary to the Prophet was such that he became a close friend and trusted co-worker with him. It was William Clayton who transcribed the revelation on eternal marriage.

During the course of the trek across the plains, Brother Clayton held a key position in the direction of the group.

Although he demonstrated his versatility when he invented the ingenious "roadometer," which kept an accurate check on the distance travelled, his highest qualifications were in the field of record-keeping and group leadership. This experience was put to good use in his public life in Salt Lake City when he acted as treasurer of Z.C.M.I. and as auditor for civic organisations until just before his death in 1879.

THOMAS BULLOCK

The official clerk of the original company, Thomas Bullock, was born at Leek, Staffordshire. Aside from his official duties, he performed a valuable service to those who were to follow

later by planting many of the plots of corn along the trail.

Brother Bullock made use of his aptitude toward keeping records when he became Chief Clerk of the Territorial House of Representatives. He also served as Chief Clerk in the Church Historian's office under Historians Willard Richards and Geo. A. Smith. He located in Summit County, where he continued his Church and civic service by serving as clerk of the probate court and recorder until his death in 1885.

DANIEL GRANT

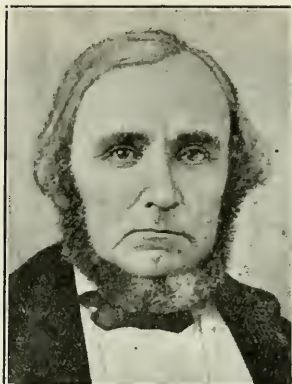
Daniel Grant's thirty-first birthday on July 21st, 1847, was the crowning moment of his life. It marked the culmination of years of effort in getting to Zion. Since he had first joined the Church in an early stage of its development in Great Britain he had bended all his efforts to the establishment of a place where the Saints could worship in peace and harmony.

Brother Grant was one of the party who retraced their steps back to Winter Quarters in Autumn, 1847. One year later he returned to Utah as one of the leaders of another group of Pioneers. But his stay there was short-lived, for in 1852 he was called to return to Great Britain to preach the Gospel. While there, he had the opportunity to visit his native town of Arbroath, Forfarshire, Scotland. On his return to Utah in 1856 he was one of the leaders of a ship of emigrant Saints, and again acted as a man of great responsibility in the direction of the hand-cart company they formed to cross the plains.

Because he had shown so much fortitude and courage in the past, he was one of the few selected to introduce the culture of cotton into Southern Utah. Brother Grant barely had time to see his many efforts begin to bear fruit when he died in 1868.

GEORGE SCHOLES

The life of another of the original Pioneers from Britain, George Scholes, is an example of the hardships they had to endure and the faith and courage they displayed.



William Clayton
One of Britain's Pioneers to Utah

Brother Scholes was born at Chaderton, Lancashire. In 1839 he was baptised by Elder Thomas Miller and confirmed by William Clayton. Arriving at Nauvoo in 1841, he built a fine brick house and planted many fruit trees.

Tragedy struck when he lost his wife and three children in Nauvoo. Then, after being driven from his lovely home, it was with joy that he learned that he would be able to join the first company of Pioneers.

It was he who first prepared the ground for the planting of potatoes, peas, beans and other vegetables in the Great Salt Lake Valley. He also assisted in the construction of one of the first forts for the protection from Indian interference.

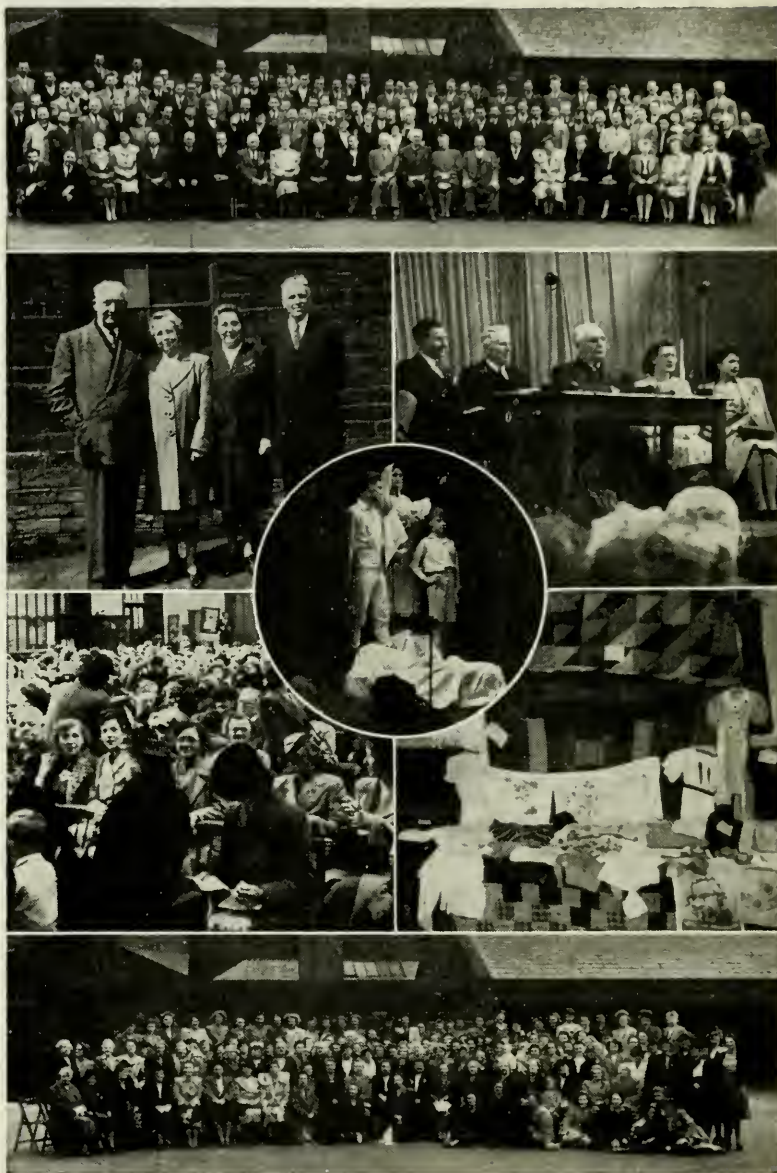
He, too, returned to Winter Quarters with Brigham Young in 1847, and was appointed to go to St. Louis, Missouri, to do some special business for the Church. In 1850 he returned to Salt Lake City, where he died in 1857.

THOMAS TANNER

Although he was born in Bristol, Gloucestershire, it was not until after he had emigrated to America that Thomas Tanner heard and embraced the Gospel. In 1841 he was baptised into the Church, and then proceeded

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GLIMPSES OF THE BRADFORD CONFERENCE



Extreme Top: Missionaries of the British Mission Assembled. Top left: European and British Mission Presidents and their wives. Top right: Mission Authorities and M.I.A. officers during the afternoon conference session. Centre: A striking scene from the Pioneer pageant, "Strength of the Hills." Bottom left: Conference crowd assembling for session. Bottom right: Relief Society display of made-over clothing. Extreme bottom: Relief Society sisters assembled.

HULL DISTRICT

Recovering Rapidly

(This is the seventh in a series of articles concerning the various districts of the British Mission. Elwin F. Cammack, Hull Branch President and "Millennial Star" reporter for the Hull District, writes the following report concerning the District.)

Utley carried on as Branch President and was most faithful and energetic in his calling.

The auxiliaries in Hull Branch are now going ahead in full swing. The Primary has been successful in taking in the children of the neighbourhood and teaching them the truths of the Gospel. Marion Barrett, a former school teacher, is well qualified as Primary Mother.

THE Hull District, as many other districts of the Mission, suffered much during the war. Nevertheless, it was kept alive by the few men who were permitted to remain at home along with the untiring work and efforts of the good sisters of the District.

In August of 1946, when Elder Melvin M. Owens arrived to take the responsibility of District President and of putting the Branches of the District back on their feet, there were two active Branches.

The Grimsby Branch, during the past few years, was under the able leadership of Bernard Hall and later, under Allan F. Smith. The auxiliaries of the Branch had been very successful in carrying on their activities. The Sunday School and M.I.A. are to be commended for the fine work that has been carried on by a group of young people who have a true testimony of the Gospel. The Branch is now a very successful organisation, with all groups functioning.

Burchell E. Hopkin is now serving as Branch President. Under his direction, a new project is being given a lot of time and effort and it is hoped that as a result the Branch will soon be meeting in a new chapel of its own.

Hull Branch, the other active Branch during the war, suffered most severely due to the lack of Priesthood. Arthur Ransom, who was serving as District President and Branch President, was taken away by war work. George

The Hull Branch members are the proud and thankful owners of one of the loveliest chapels in the British Isles. It is a strictly modern structure with all the conveniences necessary for all types of social life. Though bombs dropped on all sides and the windows were blown out, the Lord has seen fit to save our chapel which is one of the few churches in Hull still intact.

On January 19th, President Melvin M. Owens, along with Elders Lon Rigby and Roydon Rice, re-opened the Branch at Gainsborough. They were successful in finding a small hall which was suitable to meet in and in getting the Branch in operation again. Although the numbers at meetings are small, the Spirit of the Lord is present in rich abundance. It is hoped that by increasing the interest among the Saints and with success in proselyting work, the attendance will be increased. The Branch Presidency is under the capable leadership of Elder Lon Rigby and his two counsellors, Eric Thorpe and William Fitchett.

Elder Don C. Wood, Junr., was appointed District President on February 18th, replacing President Owens, who was transferred to the Mission Office in London. The Saints of the Hull District are all striving to maintain the spirit of the Gospel and are helping greatly to see that the Gospel is preached to "every nation, kindred, tongue, and people."

NORWEGIAN SAINT

Recalls War Experiences

EDITOR'S NOTE: World War II. has brought forth many interesting and faith-promoting stories concerning brothers and sisters in the Gospel in many lands. From Norway comes the personal experiences of Gustav Wersland, a member of the Stavanger Branch. Brother Wersland has served as Branch President for more than 12 years and is now preparing to fill a mission among his people in Norway. This brother has written his impressions and experiences especially for the readers of the "Millennial Star." The translation from the Norwegian language to the English language was made by Elders Olaf H. Vogeler and George R. Kasteler of the Norwegian Mission.

By Gustav Wersland

that my regiment had left town without notifying me. We were uneasy and felt that something should be done; so, in order to get out of town, I put on my civilian clothing and took my family and headed for my brother's place in Aagaard. We were lucky enough to get out of town and past the blockades to my brother's home. Shortly thereafter, I was fortunate enough to locate my regiment which had moved out to Sviland.

It was in Sviland that we first encountered the mighty German war machine. We quickly learned how poorly we were equipped against them, especially in not having a means to counteract their air force. Our first hand-to-hand contact with the Germans gave us a sensation we had never had before. A couple of the young men became so unnerved that they couldn't move, and would have been shot, but with the help of the Lord, I was able to cross an open field where I was an easy target for the Germans and get those boys to safety. Yet I didn't even receive a scratch. Time and time again I saw the Lord's directing hand over us as similar incidents occurred.

A PRISONER OF WAR

We were successful in repelling the Germans on several occasions, for their bravery was dependent upon overwhelming numbers. But when at last they were able to assemble and put into execution their mass of men and war machinery, we were overtaken and I was taken prisoner. Although many of our men were killed or wounded, I came through uninjured. By the "kindness of Hitler" I was later released and allowed to go back to my wife and family.

I recall on the 23rd day of August I was awakened from my sleep by a pounding on the side of the house. I went to the door where a German officer

I HAVE often thought it would be well to write down some of the many things that happened to me during the war, and was very happy to receive this request to relate a few of my experiences.

For Norway, the period of April 9th, 1940, until May 7th, 1945, was one of anxiety, fear, and hardship. To cover this whole period would, of course, be impossible. However, many things seem particularly vivid as did the first days of the war for us. I was at the time an officer in the Norwegian Army. We all could feel the forbidding tenseness that hung over the country. I recall on April 8th, as I was serving my tour of duty at Regimental Headquarters, my superior officer ordered me to particularly watch the telephone. He evidently expected to receive important information momentarily.

NORWAY INVADED

At 5:0 o'clock in the morning of April 9th I received word that the Germans had invaded us and that all roads leading from our town, Stavanger, had been blocked. I was home with my wife, anxiously awaiting orders from Headquarters. I later found out

and two armed soldiers stood. The officer told me to get ready as he was taking me with him. I went back to the bedroom where I told my wife of this upsetting news, and tried to gather together a few things. Our thoughts, of course, turned toward the Lord and we knelt down to ask His care and protection during these terrible times. When we had finished praying it seemed as if a sweet and peaceful feeling came over us and I remember how calm my wife was when I left.

I, with many others, was taken to Kvalaberg Camp, where I was plainly told that I would be shot if I tried to escape. From there, we prisoners were taken to Kristiansand, then to Drammen, and finally to Vals Camp. This camp had been made into a concentration camp and housed about 1,500 prisoners. It was in Vals Camp that I was visited by Acting Mission President Olaf Sonstebj, and also my son and his wife. The visitors to this camp were compelled to stand in line from 5.0 a.m. and sometimes they waited two days before they saw their husbands and sons who were prisoners.

FROM NORWAY TO POLAND

We were eventually sent to Germany. I was among the first group of 600 to go. We were placed on an old ship down in the hold, none of us having an idea where we were going. However, on the way we passed lands that we knew were Denmark and Sweden, where we saw German shipping tied up at the various docks. Finally we sailed up the Elb River and anchored at Stettin. After docking we were placed on a train. Still we had no idea where our final destination would be. After many stops we finally ended up in a little town in Poland called Schilberg. Here we were quartered in an old Catholic Seminary.

LIFE IN A CONCENTRATION CAMP

The camp we had been placed in was much like any other of its kind, I suppose. The food was bad and there was too little of what there was. But we were able to maintain our humour, and with the help of the Red Cross packages we were able to keep body



Gustav Wersland

and soul together. Realising that idleness would make a bad situation worse, we organised groups for playing games, studying various languages, religious classes, and a choir, among others. I availed myself of the opportunity to participate in the religious ground and found that although many could not bear to hear the truth, others were extremely interested in our way of life. There were many opportunities to preach the Gospel.

As officers we were not required to work and had first, Russians, and then Italians, to perform the necessary tasks about the camp. We found the Russians more refined than the Italians and liked to hear them sing. When they sang of the Volga it thrilled everyone. On the other hand, the Italians seemed to only want to fill their stomachs and would dig for particles of food out of the garbage. Undoubtedly their severe hunger drove away their pride and decency.

We soon learned that idleness was a cause for much evil, and the condition of the camp showed it. But we who

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Editor

ZION CELEBRATES ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY

THE twenty-fourth day of this month is a momentous occasion in the eyes of the Latter-day Saints throughout the world. It commemorates the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of Zion in the tops of the mountains. It signifies the completion of a century of growth and development of one of the world's most interesting metropolises—Salt Lake City, Utah.

To tell the story of Salt Lake City and the surrounding area would entail the narration of a mighty miracle—the transformation of a barren and desolate wasteland to a land of picturesque homes and gardens and abundant harvests. It would involve the relation of a semi-arid desert country, acclaimed by trappers as unsuitable for the habitation of man or beast, converted to a city of lovely buildings, parks and monuments surpassed in beauty by but few spots in the world. Its story would give evidence of the literal fulfilment of the prophecy of a former-day prophet, Isaiah, in that “the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.”

But perhaps the real beginnings of this modern Zion would date back to the 1830's and early 1840's when mobs of embittered marauders drove the Mormon Saints from place to place through the Central and Eastern United States. Their homes were burned; their loved ones were killed; their Prophet was murdered in cold blood; and the temple erected to their God was desecrated. Nevertheless, the flame of the Gospel truths which had been kindled within their hearts did not flicker and die; their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ did not diminish; their firm belief that the Gospel had been restored in its fulness and that Heavenly Beings had once again appeared before mortal man did not deviate.

Driven from Missouri, Ohio, and Illinois, they turned in desperation to the West. And so the Saints became Pioneers to a new land. They trekked across hundreds of miles of plains and wilderness; endured hunger, disease, inclement weather and many untold hardships. But by the hand of the Lord they were delivered, and on July 24th, 1847, the first group of Pioneers entered Salt Lake Valley. This was the literal fulfilment of the prophecy of a latter-day Prophet, Joseph Smith, in that “the Saints would continue to suffer much affliction and would be driven to the Rocky Mountains.”

orial



Great celebrations are now under way in Western America to mark this centennial. Over 1,000 participants, under Church direction, have presented a most inspiring pageant in the historic Salt Lake Tabernacle to audiences totalling more than 130,000. The pageant portrayed events from the time when Adam first came upon the earth down to the present day, with a special emphasis placed on the journeyings of the Pioneers and their entry into the Salt Lake Valley.

Parades, ceremonies, special religious services, operas, plays, concerts, sports events and radio broadcasts throughout 1947 will demand that the eyes of America be focused on the Great Basin in the honouring of the Pioneers and of the founding of Salt Lake City.

On July 24th, a beautiful monument will be dedicated and will stand majestically above Salt Lake Valley at the mouth of Emigration Canyon close by the spot where Brigham Young uttered the historic words, "This is the place. Drive on." The monument, made of enduring granite and bronze, depicts not only the Mormon Pioneers, but also other pioneers and explorers who played a part in the early history of the Great Basin.

In many other lands throughout the world, celebrations are also being held in honour of Utah's Centennial. Saints in South Africa, Brazil, France, Mexico, Tonga, Samoa, New Zealand, and other countries scattered over the face of the earth, are commemorating the Pioneers by the presentation of pageants, balls, skits and festivals. Here in Great Britain, a most successful Mission-wide conference centered about a Pioneer theme has been held.

And so, throughout this year, our thoughts are oftentimes directed to the events leading up to and including the advent of the Pioneers into the Salt Lake Valley. Our minds often dwell on this "desert" which has "blossomed as the rose." Again we are reminded of the fulfilment of ancient scripture as we read from Isaiah, "And it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it."

We see again the fulfilment of modern scripture as we read from Joseph Smith, "And some of them (the Saints) would live to go and assist in making settlements and build cities and see the Saints become a mighty people in the midst of the Rocky Mountains." We give praise to those noble Pioneers and to their mighty achievements. We honour and revere the cities which they founded in the tops of the mountains and, in this Centennial year, pay special tribute to Zion on her one-hundredth anniversary.

—WILLIAM R. CALLISTER

World Church News



NEW M.I.A. THEME INTRODUCED.

—The M.I.A. theme for 1947-48 was introduced at the opening session of the June Conference, held in the Tabernacle at Salt Lake City, by Elder Richard L. Evans of the First Council of Seventy and a member of the Y.M. M.I.A. General Board. The theme for the coming Mutual year, taken from the Doctrine and Covenants, 14: 7, is as follows: "If you keep my commandments and endure to the end, you shall have eternal life."

MORE THAN 400,000 ENROLLED

IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS. — General Superintendent Milton Bennion of the Deseret Sunday School Union reported that enrolment for Church Sunday Schools during the enlistment campaign totalled 406,853. The report included all but a few Sunday Schools in the Church.

CHOIR CONDUCTOR DIRECTS

VAST CHORUS.—Dr. J. Spencer Cornwall, director of the Tabernacle Choir, recently directed a chorus of 1,900 singers from 61 church choirs in Southern California. The *Los Angeles Times* commented on the performance as follows: "So large was the singing ensemble that they occupied about half of the seating space in the church, thus giving the audience the unusual thrill of having the music come to them from all sides, so to speak. Despite this division, Cornwall, leading from the pulpit at the front,

managed to achieve a truly remarkable cohesion, and elicited from the singers a response which was technically amazing. The result of his personality and 'know how' was especially thrilling . . ."

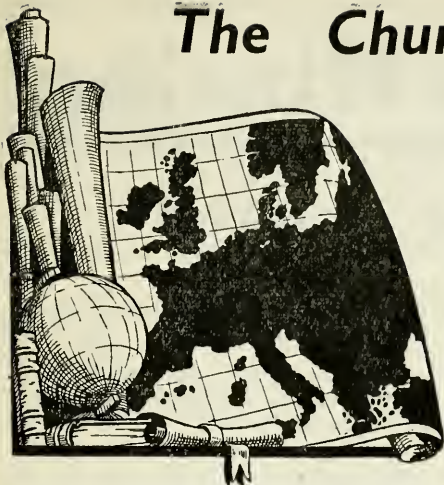
SCOUTS AWAIT CENTENNIAL CAMP.

—5,000 Scouts and Scouters will be encamped at the outskirts of Salt Lake City from July 21st to 25th. The programme for the Scouts includes participation in two Centennial parades, participation in the dedicatory services of the "This is the place" monument, attendance at the Centennial pageant-drama, a tour of the Salt Lake Valley including Bingham, a swim in Great Salt Lake, a visit to the Centennial Exposition, and many other features. President George Albert Smith will be honorary camp chief and Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, will be the special guest of honour.

OVER 3,500 MISSIONARIES NOW

IN FIELD.—A record company of 287 missionaries have just completed their ten days' training in the Mission Home in Salt Lake City and have departed for their various fields of labour. This boosts the total number of missionaries over the 3,500 mark. No more missionaries will enter the Home until September 8th, but several large groups are scheduled during the remainder of the year. In spite of monthly releases of between 75 and 100 missionaries per month, the 4,000 total of missionaries actually in service should readily be reached before the end of the year. It is expected that thirteen missionaries assigned to the British Mission will arrive in Southampton aboard the "Queen Elizabeth" during the second week in July.

The Church in Europe



NEW WEST GERMAN MISSION PRESIDENT ARRIVES. — President Jean Wunderlich of the West German Mission, who docked at Southampton June 6th with Sister Wunderlich and their two children, is now in Germany actively directing the affairs of the largest mission in Europe. President Wunderlich, who was born in Germany, has been Bishop of the Los Flores Ward in Los Angeles, California, and was working on the mission literature translating committee in Salt Lake City just prior to his departure for Europe. He is an attorney and was at one time an instructor of modern languages. His family is staying in Holland.

MORE MISSIONARIES TO EUROPE. — Accompanying the Wunderlich family across the Atlantic were Mrs. Wallace F. Toronto, wife of the President of the Czechoslovakian Mission, and their five children. Also in the group were missionaries for the French, Czechoslovakian and Danish Missions. The four going to Czechoslovakia will be especially welcome, as President Toronto has had but two missionaries the past year.

CONFERENCES IN SWEDEN, DENMARK AND GERMANY. — The Swedish Mission - wide Conference was held in Malmo, Sweden, June

21st to 24th, under the direction of President Alma Sonne of the European Missions and President Eben R. T. Blomquist of the Swedish Mission. The Danish Mission-wide Conference will be held July 24th to 27th, and will also be attended by President and Sister Sonne. President Walter Stover of the East German Mission is planning a large conference in Dresden for July 24th as well. President Stover predicts it will be the largest gathering of German Saints which has taken place for many years.

MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN SWITZERLAND. — President Alma Sonne and his secretary, Elder Wallace G. Bennett, conferred with officials of the Centre d'Entr'aide Internationale in Geneva, Switzerland, June 10th to 12th, concerning the handling of Church welfare supplies. Meetings were also held in Geneva with Presidents James L. Barker of the French Mission, who acted as interpreter with the relief officials, Jean Wunderlich of the West German Mission, and Scott Taggart of the Swiss-Austrian Mission. President Taggart visited the branches in Austria the latter part of June.

MISSION PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE TO BE HELD THIS MONTH. — The conference of European Mission presidents is booked for July 16th to 19th in Malmo, Sweden. Elder Archibald F. Bennett, secretary of the Genealogical Society of Utah, who is in Europe supervising research projects, will also attend the conference. Reports from each mission president concerning conditions in his mission will be given and analysed. President Blomquist of the Swedish Mission is arranging accommodations for the group. Although no such conference has been held since before the war, it was formerly an annual event and will likely be so in the future.

British Mission



ARRIVALS AND ASSIGNMENTS

The following missionaries arrived in the British Isles aboard the "Queen Elizabeth," May 30th, 1947:

THOMAS C. MADILL and **HILDA MACKAY MADILL** of Salt Lake City,

Utah, were assigned to labour in the Bristol District.

ALBERT JOHN LONGHURST of Shelley, Idaho, was assigned to labour in the Leeds District.



APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

Elder **ALBERT ECCLES** was transferred on June 2nd from the Leeds District to the Hull District.

Elder **EDWARD R. SHURTLIFF** was transferred from the Leeds District to the Welsh District on June 5th.

Elder **ROYDON NALDER RICE** of the Hull District was transferred to the London District on June 4th.

Elder **OWEN PARKINSON** was transferred from the London District to the Hull District on June 4th.

Elder **LORRY E. RYTTING** was transferred from the Manchester District to the Welsh District on June 5th.

Elder **FRED W. MASON** was transferred on June 5th from the Welsh District to the Leeds District.

Elder **T. LAWRENCE OLIPHANT** of the Welsh District was transferred to the Manchester District on June 5th.

Sister **ESTHER FULLER** of the Mission Office at London was transferred to the Birmingham District on June 2nd.

Elder **ALBERT E. WALKER** was transferred from the Sheffield District to the Irish District on June 6th.

Elder **A. RAY RAWSON** was transferred on June 6th from the Irish District to the Sheffield District.

Elder **JUNIOR E. CALL** was transferred from the Newcastle District to the Scottish District on June 5th.

Elder **CARL H. WHATCOTT** was transferred from the Scottish District to the Newcastle District on June 5th.

Elder **MYRON WM. McINTYRE** was transferred from the Newcastle District to the Liverpool District on June 5th.

Elder **GEORGE SONNTAG** of the Liverpool District was transferred to the Newcastle District on June 5th.

Elder and Sister **ALBERT C. WALKER** were transferred on June 12th from the Nottingham District to the Leeds District, where Elder Walker will serve as District President.

Elder and Sister **JOHN L. SMITH** were transferred from the Nottingham District to the Sheffield District on June 23rd.



RELEASES

JOHN H. CHAPMAN and **EMILY CHAPMAN** were released as missionaries to the British Mission on June 9th. The Chapmans have been in Great Britain since March 9th, 1946,

and have laboured in the Leeds District. Elder Chapman has served as District President of that district during his entire mission in Britain.



DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

Reported by Nancy Tenney

On Saturday evening, May 31st, a concert was given, in the Handsworth Branch chapel, by the Birmingham Gleaner Girls. Under the direction of Gwen Maguire many musical numbers were presented. Evelyn Collins and Mary Thomas each rendered vocal selections. The Gleaner Quartette gave their version of two modern songs. A piano duet by Jean Yates and Beryl Heath was followed by an Irish half-hour in which the audience took part. A one act play, entitled "Votes," and a monologue by Mary Thomas showed the capabilities of our M.I.A. girls in the dramatic field.

To conclude this programme, the Gleaner Chorus rendered "Give Me a Home in the Heart of the Mountains," in honour of Beryl Heath, who has now left for Salt Lake City. They then presented her with a leather handbag, as a token of respect and love.

BRISTOL DISTRICT

Reported by Frances B. Herman

On May the 11th a very enjoyable programme for Mother's Day was arranged, during which all the Mothers were presented with a white carnation, and each child received a May basket from the Primary Mother, Muriel E. Beams.

On May the 23rd, Elder William C. McCormick, formerly the Bristol Branch President, baptised and confirmed May G. Collins and Frances B.

Herman at Woodlands Road Chapel, Bradford.

The Saints at Bristol were very pleased to welcome two new missionaries, Elder and Sister Thomas C. Madill, to labour in their midst.

IRISH DISTRICT

Reported by James L. Mortensen

The Belfast Branch M.I.A. has been on several very enjoyable hikes as the main feature in the summer programme. Delightful evenings have been spent in The Botanical Gardens, Cavehill, Giant's Ring, and the Belfast Castle.

Many old friends and new acquaintances have been made by Elder Albert E. Walker, who has recently been transferred to the Irish District. Elder Walker was born and converted in Belfast and later emigrated to Zion, but is now back among his own people doing a grand job.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

Reported by Clifford Hartley

Two more branches have been opened in the Liverpool District—Accrington Branch and Blackburn Branch.

The Presidency of Accrington is as follows: Edwin R. Astin, as president, with Eddie Preston as first counsellor and Herbert Taylor as second counsellor. Herbert Taylor will also serve as Sunday School superintendent.

Elder Samuel Newman was appointed Branch President of the Blackburn

Branch. Their new hall is at 2 New Water Street, Blackburn. It is located near both the bus and railway stations.

During April and May the missionaries of Wigan Branch had the opportunity of giving a lantern lecture on two occasions and holding a meeting on another in a prisoner-of-war camp close to Warrington. Herbert Beler, who was baptised into the Church on May 3rd, acted as interpreter. Elders MacFarlane, Gardner and Sonntag have all participated in the meetings, which were arranged and permission obtained by Clifford Hartley.

LONDON DISTRICT

Reported by Norman Derrick Hawkes

On Saturday, May 17th, 1947, at Eythorpe, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, Artur Paul Hamann was baptised by Allan E. Osborne and confirmed by George A. Goundry. Brother Hamann first heard the Gospel in Ogden, Utah, while an interned prisoner-of-war.

The South London Branch M.I.A. sponsored a drama night on Tuesday, May the 20th. A brief discussion on the benefits to amateur actors of radio plays was followed by the presentation of dramatic items.

A musical concert, under the direction of Florence Mead, was given on Saturday evening, May 31st. Various vocal and instrumental numbers were presented, many of which were incorporated in a "Street Scene" and a "Visit to Toyland."

On Sunday, June 15th, 1947, at the South London Chapel, Beryl Ida Laycock was baptised by Harry Laycock and confirmed by George F. Poole.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT

Reported by Norman Woodhead

On Sunday, May the 18th, the first street meeting in Rochdale for eight years was held, under the direction of District President George W. Bruerton, who was ably supported by the missionaries and the local Priesthood. A

good crowd gathered. Arrangements have been made to hold a series of such meetings in the near future.

On Sunday, June the 1st, the Sunday School held a very successful Pioneer Centennial service. Fred Waddington, Sunday School supervisor, and his officers were responsible for all the arrangements.

On Saturday, June the 14th, the Rochdale M.I.A. sponsored a banquet to mark the opening of the Summer Session. The guests of honour were President and Sister Bruerton and Branch President Sylvester Dale. In the evening a Pioneer Centennial dance was attended by 80 people. John F. Leach and Violet Clough, the M.I.A. supervisors, were responsible for all the arrangements. The entire evening was most enjoyable.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT

Reported by Joan L. Wappell

During the "Home Primary Session" held at Hexham on April 19th, the members of the class attended a party given in honour of the infant daughter of Alex and Ivy Morris. Tea was served by Evelyn Young and Ivy Morris, after which games were conducted by Alex Morris.

Sunderland Branch conference was held on May 4th. The afternoon session was conducted by Charles Ellwood. Speakers were Elders Myron McIntyre, Douglas Loosle, Dean Ottley and Sister Flora Isgreen. The Branch choir furnished the music for the session. The evening session was conducted by Branch President Frederick W. Oates. A piano solo was given by Gladys Quayle and poems were recited by the following children: John Fenwick, Valerie Cuthbertson, F. and M. Abbott, Malcolm Rapley, Brian White, Derek Seawert and Ernest Crone. Two vocal choruses by the children were also rendered. A special feature of the evening session was a play, "A Reverie," written and produced by President Oates. Those taking part were Elders Kenneth M. Oswald, Junior E. Call, Rosalie Walker, Gladys Quayle, Ellen

Oates, Marjory White and President Oates. The soloist for the programme was Hazel Oates. Elder W. Leo Isgreen and District President Bruce Peterson were the principal speakers. There were 73 in attendance at the evening session, including 12 visitors.

NORWICH DISTRICT

Reported by Alfred F. Woodhouse

On Monday, June 2nd, Branch President Albert A. Cole and Elders Dale M. Chapman and William L. Blackwell, all of Yarmouth, filled an invitation to speak before the Yarmouth Branch of the Toc H. A lecture and presentation of films assisted in explaining the principles of the Gospel. The brethren received a cordial welcome and a further invitation to return at a future date to speak before the ladies' section of this organisation.

About 32 members and friends of the Norwich Branch M.I.A. enjoyed an outing to Sherringham Park on the evening of Tuesday, June 3rd. The beauties of nature were greatly impressed on the minds of the party as they travelled by motor coach through the countryside. Very few of them had ever beheld such a scene of splendour as shown forth by the masses of rhododendrons in various shades and colours, with a backing of woodlands, as is to be seen at this Norfolk beauty spot. After a picnic tea, a trip was made to the beach at Sherringham. The return journey was made along a route skirting the sea coast. All present expressed their enjoyment of a very pleasant evening. The outing was organised by officers of the M.I.A. as part of the summer programme.

On Thursday, May 29th, the Relief Society of the Lowestoft Branch held its annual outing. The sisters, accompanied by some of the Priesthood members, including the two missionaries, travelled by motor coach to Cambridge, via Bury St. Edmunds. The return journey was by Ely, Thetford, Norwich and Yarmouth. This drive through the lovely countryside was most enjoyable.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT

Reported by Ruth Gates

At Hucknall, members of the Nottingham District gathered for the District Musical Festival, sponsored by the M.I.A., under the direction of Sister Nora Reid and George Winfield, to honour the trek across the plains by the Pioneers. The programme included an original Pioneer poem by President Edward Wright; numbers by the Nottingham Male Chorus, under the direction of President Wallace R. Reid; a lovely choral verse by the Mansfield M.I.A.; an outstanding exhibition of elocution by Leon Hewerdine; vocal number by Elders Warr, Terry and Knowles; a tap dancing number by Valerie Bowler; a story given at Bradford Conference, reiterated by Gordon Wright; campfire music by George Bradley, President Thomas Anthony and Sydney Allen; and an original poem honouring Effie Mae and Harold G. Thomas by Thomas Wright. Samuel Pears gave an expression of appreciation for the friendship and faithful years of service to the Thomases, who sailed, with good wishes and love from all, June the 16th. Ending the night's entertainment was an exhibition dance as couples joined in to learn the steps.

Commemorating the 105th anniversary of the organising of the Relief Society, Eastwood Branch women held a Faith Tea. A picturesque sight was the burning of 105 candles on a large cake that was baked by Sarah Potts. Special honour was paid to our dearly-loved Margaret Wilde on her 70th birthday.

A recently returned army veteran, Sydney Hill, has been appointed second counsellor in the Eastwood Branch Presidency.

With the demand for more choristers in the various organisations, a music training class is now in effect.

An investigators' meeting is held every Wednesday at the District Mission Home as a result of the daily street meetings, giving an opportunity for those contacted to meet under

favourable conditions to further hear Gospel principles and ask questions.

Baptismal services were held at the Langly Baths, Eastwood, on June 14th, 1947. Annette Stevenson Buxton, Marlyne Evelyn Buxton and Michael James Willy Atkinson were all baptised by James Martin. They were confirmed the following Sunday.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT

Reported by John S. MacKay

A baptismal service was held in the Public Baths, Airdrie, on Sunday, June 1st. Branch President Thomas M. Graham presided and Elder Fred J. Clark conducted. District President Archibald G. H. Webb gave a short talk, after which the following persons were baptised by Elder Clark: Catherine D. Clark, Sarah G. Clark, George MacArthur, David F. Walker and Irene McPherson. They were confirmed the following day at the Airdrie Branch Hall.

A cottage meeting was conducted in the house of Sister Martin at Blackridge, West Lothian, by Elder Frederick J. Clark. Two children were blessed. Some interesting Gospel discussions followed.

Very favourable success has attended the missionary efforts of Elder and Sister W. Leo Isgreen. On June 1st, the Isgreens, along with other missionaries, held a most thrilling open air meeting in Edinburgh. Although eight

meetings held by the sects of the day were in full swing, the songs of Zion as sung by the missionaries attracted a good crowd. Much interest has been aroused through this and other open air meetings.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

Reported by Arvilla Smith

A fish and chips supper and social evening, sponsored by the Sheffield Branch M.I.A., was held May 29th, in the Sheffield Chapel.

WELSH DISTRICT

Reported by Gladys Mason

The Primary children of the Varteg Branch presented a very successful pantomime, "The Sleeping Beauty," to the parents, friends and local children at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Perry at Abergavenny on three successive nights, May 14th, 15th and 16th. The total attendance was 153. Much credit is due to Muriel C. Perry who wrote, directed and produced this, their first public show. Those taking part were: Rene Newbury, Joy Brice, Gloria Davies, Brenda Higgs, Leonard Kenneth Davies, Jean Summers, Lenore Christine, Leigh, and Keith Perry, and Gwenllian Lewis.

Varteg Branch opened their new hall on June 1st with a good attendance.

James Clarence John Mason was baptised on May 26th.

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streams; the riveter from the shipyards of the Clyde; from all parts and from every walk of life Scottish men, women and children have emigrated to take part in the building of Zion.

Prominent Scots whose names are household words among Latter-day

Saints, are David McKay, William Budge, David Eccles and Charles W. Nibley.

Scotland's contribution to the Church has been that of clean blood, noble heritage, sturdy independence, tradition and unshakeable loyalty to the Faith. What more could any land give to any cause?



PERSONALS

BIRTHS

COLLINS.—On May 22nd, 1947, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collins was blessed and given the name of Robert by Elder A. Ray Rawson. He was born in Belfast, February 19th, 1947.

WILKINSON.—A daughter was born to Constance and John C. Wilkinson of the Burnley Branch on March 7th, 1947, and was blessed on April 27th by Willie Duckworth in the Burnley Branch Chapel, and given the name of Brenda.

SIVYER.—The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sivyver, formerly of the South London Branch, was born in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, on May 10th. She was given the name of Denise Lynette Sivyver.

BOOTHROYD. — On April 6th, an infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Boothroyd of the Hyde Branch was blessed by the Branch President, Albert Woodruff, and given the name of David.

BLEAKLEY. — On Tuesday, May 13th, a daughter was born to John and Nancy Bleakley of the Belfast Branch.

EVANS.—On Sunday, May 4th, the infant son of Raymond Evans and Doris Simpson Evans was blessed by President William McCormick of the Bradford Branch and given the name of Roy. He was born January 2nd.

BIRKHEAD.—A baby girl was born to President and Mrs. Fred K. Birkhead of the Barnsley Branch on May 10th, 1947.

DEATH

FOSTER.—Julia Foster of the Hull Branch died on May 4th at the age of 84. She had long been a faithful and devoted worker in the Church. In 1933 she donated a considerable sum from her life savings toward the building of the Hull Chapel. Funeral services for Sister Foster were held in the Hull Chapel on May the 8th. District President Don. C. Wood, Junr., conducted the services. The grave was dedicated by Elder Blair Maxfield.

EMIGRATIONS

OWENS. — John E. Owens and his two daughters, Annie Owens and Doris Pickthall, and her daughter, Janice left Southampton on May 8th aboard the "M.S. Batory" to sail for New York City enroute to Salt Lake City. He and his family have long been active members of the Burnley Branch. A farewell social was held in their honour on May 3rd in the Burnley Chapel. A pyjama case, compacts and a writing case were among the gifts presented to them. They were very faithful and conscientious in their Church work and will be missed by all.

HEYES. — Mr. and Mrs. Horace E. Heyes and their three children, Graham, Verna and Brenda, left London by plane on June 15th enroute to Salt Lake City, where they will make their home. The Heyes family has long been active members of the Rochdale and Wigan Branches. Horace Heyes was just recently released as a missionary, during which time he served as Associate Editor of the *Millennial Star*. Prior to this, he served as Branch President of the Rochdale Branch. The *Millennial Star*, in behalf of the Saints of the British Mission, wish the Heyes family much success and happiness and pray that the blessings of the Lord will ever attend them.

FIRMAN.—Laura E. Firman of the Norwich Branch sailed on June 8th for America aboard the "S.S. Batory." She was just recently released as Relief Society President of the Norwich Branch. During the war, Sister Firman was host to many American servicemen. She has also entertained four Mission Presidents and their wives, and a great many missionaries. On May 31st, members and friends of the Norwich Branch gathered together in her honour and presented her with a lovely plated fruit tray. She will long be remembered in the hearts of many of the Saints of Britain.

GREEN.—Mr. and Mrs. John Green and their two children, Darrell and

Delsa, of the Barnsley Branch, sailed for Canada on board the "Aquitania" May 19th, 1947. A farewell dinner and social evening was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mills in their honour. The Green family intend to make their home in Nelson. The Saints of Britain wish them much success and joy in their new venture.

HEATH.—Friday, June the 6th, another member of the Birmingham Branch said "Goodbye" to her native land. It was Beryl Heath from Weolley Castle, Birmingham. Beryl has been an active member of the Church, serving as a teacher in Primary and Bee-Hive departments, and was the assistant Branch organist.

Beryl, who sailed on the "S.S. America," is going to make her home

in Salt Lake City with a family with whom she has corresponded for many years.

Saints of the Birmingham District and those of other Districts with whom she was acquainted, with her God-speed and success in her new life.

CLOUGH.—Violet Clough, a very active member of the Rochdale Branch, left for the United States on June 27th aboard the "S.S. America." In a letter to the *Millennial Star*, Miss Clough expressed her desire to extend "goodbye wishes to the Saints of the British Mission, especially to thank those who were so kind to me during my mission in 1941 and 1944-45, and may God bless them always is my prayer . . ." Miss Clough will arrive in Midvale, Utah, where she will reside, on July 14th.

A RETURNED MISSIONARY WRITES

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the Church have had the privilege of addressing this vast "Church of the Air" audience.

Particularly significant is the fact that the Columbia Broadcasting System has given the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints the much sought after dates of Christmas and Easter Sunday for several years.

"TRANSFERED TO ANOTHER FIELD"

Well do I remember the counsel of my Mission President, Joseph J. Cannon, on the occasion of my leaving the British Isles in 1937. "Regard your release from your mission as a transfer to another field of labour."

This message has been a potent factor in my attitude towards the Church. Then, too, I was blessed with the companionship of my fellow missionaries who served in England at the same time I was there, who, on returning home, continued to meet regularly and maintain the spirit of the mission field.

To this day, on the fourth Sunday of each month, a group of fourteen couples (most of the returned missionaries are now married) meets at the home of a member to hold to the fellowship and love of the missionary

spirit. We think rather appropriately, we have named ourselves, "The Windsor Club."

GUIDE AT TEMPLE SQUARE

When I arrived home in Salt Lake City, I was assigned as a Sunday School teacher and also as instructor of the Elders' Quorum in the 21st Ward of the Church. In 1940, I was called as a guide on world-famed Temple Square, and have been active in that calling up to the present day. Last year over 600,000 tourists visited Temple Square in Salt Lake City, and were taken through the beautiful grounds and buildings by the voluntary guides. This has given me a wonderful opportunity to keep alive the spirit of preaching the Gospel.

BLOOD OF ISRAEL IN BRITAIN

The Church owes a great debt of gratitude to the British people, who have so richly endowed its membership with a strain of blood reflecting the strength and character of a truly great nation. There can be no question that the blood of Israel is in the British Isles in great abundance, and those of us who by ancestry and personal experience in the mission field have had first hand contact with its true power and majesty, should be eternally thankful to our Heavenly Father for this great blessing.

"THE BELOVED SON"

ACCORDING to scripture, ancient and modern, the Eternal Father has acknowledged His Beloved Son on four occasions.

At the baptism of Jesus, a voice from Heaven was heard saying, "Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well pleased."

The endearment "beloved Son," followed by the words of commendation, surely emphasise the gross error of those who deny the necessity of baptism, for the commendation followed immediately after Jesus had submitted Himself for baptism, and had stilled the protest of John the Baptist by the declaration, "thus it becometh US to fulfil ALL righteousness."

Upon the occasion of the transfiguration, again a voice from Heaven was heard saying, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him." This acknowledgement was made to Peter, James and John, who were soon to become the presiding authority on earth to act in the name of Christ.

This "Voice from Heaven" revealed to Peter the divine parentage of the Saviour, and upon this rock of revelation the Church of Jesus Christ was founded and today is guided and sustained.

Not to a favoured trio, but to a multitude upon the Western Hemisphere the voice from Heaven was heard again, so that "there was no part of their frame that it did not cause to quake; yea, it did pierce them to the very soul." This time there was added the significant phrase, "in Whom I have glorified My name."

Jesus had fulfilled His mission as the Redeemer, and by His sinless life had conquered death and had opened the way whereby the "work and glory" of the Father could be accomplished. ("For behold this is My work and My glory to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man." Moses 1:39) Thus in Jesus had the Father glorified His name and now acknowledges the

By George W. Bruerton
Manchester District President

completion of the Saviour's mission.

What a testimony of Jesus the Christ is herein given to the world!

Eighteen centuries pass away and the simple truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ have become shrouded in mysticism; the ordinances have been changed or abandoned, and nowhere can be found the true conception of Deity; but instead a false conception of a God without body, parts or passions, or as expressed in the Athenasian creed "the Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible, and yet not three incomprehensibles but one incomprehensible, a "Trinity in Unity." Is it any wonder that Christendom is torn and divided with contention and discord and that agnosticism and even atheism are rampant?

But once more a voice from Heaven is heard and TWO personages appear, One pointing to the Other says, "This is My beloved Son, hear Him." No event since the crucifixion transcends this glorious vision given to Joseph Smith in answer to his fervent prayer.

In an erring and misguided world, the Eternal Father has revealed Himself, destroying the false creeds and presenting Himself as a real living personage standing beside His beloved Son, pointing to Him and designating Him as the One to be heard.

Again what a testimony of Jesus the Christ, the Redeemer and Saviour of mankind!

What a blessed people are we as Latter-day Saints with this knowledge of our Heavenly Father, to whom we can pray with confidence, with whom we may commune, and with whom we may associate throughout eternity if we will "do all things whatsoever the Lord our God shall command."

The CHURCH and the PRESS in BRITAIN

THE following are excerpts from recent publications in Great Britain pertinent to the Church:

Hucknall Dispatch

"NO POLYGAMY NOW, SAYS MORMON WHO VISITED HUCKNALL—When the conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was held at Hucknall, a representative of the 'Dispatch' sought an interview with Mr. Alma Sonne, the head of the European Mission, from Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.

"The idea was to clear up some of the much-discussed points relative to this sect, to which was once associated polygamy under the name of Mormons.

"Mr. Sonne was first asked what proportion of the population of Salt Lake City was attached to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and he replied 55 percent, and the remaining 45 percent was divided among the Protestants and Roman Catholics, the latter having a fine temple. . . .

"Is it correct that you are non-smokers and abstainers?" 'Yes,' replied Mr. Sonne, 'though a few may not strictly adhere to it. We don't drink tea or coffee, because they are stimulants. We have milk and water. We regard the human body as sacred,

the temple of the spirit, and it should be safeguarded.'

"Are you a healthy people?"

"We have the best records in any State," said the head of the European Mission. 'Our death-rate is low and our birth-rate high. Many people of over 70 and 80 years are associated with the church.'

"Excuse my bluntness," said the reporter, 'but is polygamy practised by your church members?'

"To this Mr. Sonne gave an unqualified denial. 'If any member is found to be a polygamist, he is dismissed from the church . . .'

Manchester Evening News

"MANCHESTER 'SHOCK' FOR MORMON—Arriving in Manchester to set up a Northwest headquarters of the Mormon Church, Elder George W. Bruerton, who left England 35 years ago, is shocked at the number of churches in the city which have been closed or are used for industrial purposes. 'Remembering the prosperous appearance of the churches when I left to go to America, I was horrified to see one being used as a bakery and another as a mattress factory,' he told me today."

INCREASE IN GENEALOGICAL BOARD

IN order to take care of the growing needs of the British Saints, an increase in the membership of the Mission Genealogical Board has been approved, under the presidency of Elder James R. Cunningham. The following are the new Board members: David E. Gardner, Frank Smith, George A. Goundry, George Camm, Hilda M. Woodford, Jane E. Musgrove, Lillian Foster, Lucy Ripley, and Muriel Tate. Edna Gardner will continue to serve as secretary.

FATHER AND SON REUNITE AFTER 27 YEARS

APPEARING on the front page of the local section of the "Deseret News," foremost newspaper of the Church, was a large picture of John Edward Owens, formerly of the Burnley Branch, and his son, Edwin Owens, who were together for the first time in 27 years. The Salt Lake City newspaper described the elder Owens as a "happy, 75 year old Englishman," and quoted him as saying, "I've wanted to come here for 50 years and I have just now arrived." It is expected that his daughter, Elizabeth May Wilkinson; her husband, Bert; and daughter, Olga; who now reside in Burnley, will emigrate to Salt Lake City in the near future. "Then the entire Owens family," the "Deseret News" reports, "will be together again, except for a grandson, Melvin Owens, who is serving on a mission for the Church in the British Mission"

ANNOUNCING PIONEER CENTENNIAL SHORT STORY AND POEM CONTEST WINNERS

IT is with great pleasure that the **Millennial Star** announces the winners for the Pioneer Centennial Short Story and Poem Contest as follows:

WINNER OF THE SHORT STORY CONTEST

Miss **OLGA WILKINSON**
of the Burnley Branch

WINNER OF THE POEM CONTEST

Miss **GLADYS QUAYLE**
of the Sunderland Branch

Honourable Mention is given
to the following contestants:

Short Story Contest

Burchell E. Hopkin, Grimsby Branch.
Clarence L. Olsen, Brighton Branch.
M. A. Hawkes, North London Branch.
Jean Wallace, Catford Branch.
Muriel C. Perry, Merthyr Tydfil Br.

Poem Contest

Edward A. Wright, Eastwood Branch.
John T. Wright, Hucknall Branch.
Willard M. Hayes, Spartanburg,
South Carolina, U.S.A.
Muriel E. Beams, Bristol Branch.
Marion Baron, Oldham Branch.

Miss Olga Wilkinson, winner of the Short Story Contest, has long been an active member of the Burnley Branch. In her story, entitled "Centennial Summer," she portrays a young English girl, Sandra, who had become quite dissatisfied with life. Sandra was loaned the diary of a Mormon Pioneer. This she read from cover to cover, reliving every page. The diary tells of the many hardships and trials which the Pioneers endured in wending their way from Nauvoo to Salt Lake City. Upon the completion of the diary, Sandra at once sees life in a different colour. The story ends with Sandra offering a prayer to her Father in Heaven for her many blessings and for life itself.

Miss Gladys Quayle, winner of the Poem Contest, is an active and energetic member of the Sunderland Branch. Saints will remember her as the director of the Newcastle District Choir at Bradford. Her winning poem, entitled "The Mormon Pioneer" will be found on page iii. of the cover.

Due to the limited space in the **Star** it is not possible at this time to print the winning story as previously announced.

SCHEDULE OF EVENING SERVICES FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

The programme for the first Sunday of each month for the next twelve months will be presented by the various organisations as follows:

July 6th, 1947	-	-	-	Genealogical Society.
August 3rd, 1947	-	-	-	Primary Association.
September 7th, 1947	-	-	-	Mutual Improvement Association.
October 5th, 1947	-	-	-	Priesthood.
November 2nd, 1947	-	-	-	Relief Society.
December 7th, 1947	-	-	-	Sunday School.
January 4th, 1948	-	-	-	Genealogical Society.
February 1st, 1948	-	-	-	Primary Association.
March 7th, 1948	-	-	-	Relief Society.
April 4th, 1948	-	-	-	Mutual Improvement Association.
May 2nd, 1948	-	-	-	Priesthood.
June 6th, 1948	-	-	-	Sunday School.

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the war that has just closed. But sorrow and anguish to a greater or lesser degree come to every human heart. It is that crossroad where the message of Jesus enables man to meet whatever comes.

As Jesus was going to the Cross, He offered a prayer to His Father: "O, Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."

His prayer was not answered. God did not let the cup pass, but in the very unanswering of that prayer, Jesus was able to manifest the power of God that had come to Him; namely, that He could drink of the cup and fulfil the mission that God had ordained for Him.

Living up to the requirements of the Gospel is not always easy, but it is the safe way. It gives us guidance; when the road is uncertain, it points the way; when confused in our thinking, it enlightens our mind; when doubts arise, these vanish "through every word that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God."

"Whether it be by me or my servants, it is the same." "Seek not for riches, but for wisdom, and behold the mysteries of God will be unfolded unto you, and then shall you be made rich." (D. and C. 6-7)

Mormonism proclaims to the world that there is a need for the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; that the world needs its healing virtues; that the only help to rescue man from his

confusion in spiritual problems is to be found in the restored Gospel of Christ—the re-establishment of the Church in the earth as it existed in the primitive church. We know our claim is a bold one, but if our claims were less it would not be the message of peace, a message that will one day rescue the world and bring peace to a suffering humanity.

So Mormonism's message to the world, and its answer to the uncertainty existing in the minds of men, and the moral deterioration of our present day, is that God has again spoken from the heavens. Holy Angels have again proclaimed the everlasting Gospel to be preached to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Through the coming of Heavenly messengers the Holy Priesthood has been restored to the earth and through it men have been commissioned to proclaim this restoration to the children of men that they may be brought back to the way of truth—rescued from the uncertainties of the present day, that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as in heaven.

This is the contribution of Mormonism to this troubled world, and if men will give heed to its teachings it will bring joy to the human heart and peace to a suffering world.

"Although he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things he suffered and being made perfect he became the author of eternal salvation." It is through suffering and resigning ourselves in faith to the will of our Heavenly Father that enables us to grow and ultimately permits us to become like Him, in very deed, a child of God.

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monies. As we do this we will be able to see that they could not compromise with gangsters and mobocrats. We will come to understand the motives which actuated them and the urges which

moved them forward. The unprejudiced writer of history and the honest searcher after truth will one day discover in the "Mormon" migration a counterpart of the primitive Christian spirit which defied all opposition and endured every form of persecution.

BRITISH PIONEERS OF THE FIRST COMPANY

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directly to Nauvoo. After the hardship of the flight from Nauvoo, it must have taken a lot of courage to leave his family at Winter Quarters to be a member of the first party.

His life in Salt Lake City was quite typical of the main body of Pioneers. He made his own adobe bricks with which to build a home and blacksmith shop. He served as the foreman in the Church blacksmith shop until his death in 1855.

GEORGE WARDLE

George Wardle was born in Chedelton parish, Staffs. After being baptised in 1839 he immediately set about getting the wherewithal to join the Saints in Nauvoo. The blending of his talents as a musician and farmer made him a particularly valuable member of the company.

Brother Wardle settled in Vernal, Utah, and immediately set about organising some musical groups in that area. Besides his responsibilities with his farm, he taught music, directed the choir in his ward and stake, and helped to protect the settlers against Indians. He died at Vernal in 1901.

ROBERT ERWING BAIRD

Robert Erwing Baird was born in Londonderry, Ireland. After the arrival in the Salt Lake Valley, he settled in Weber county where, being a man of great wisdom and judgment, he became a justice of the peace and a commissioner in Ogden city. For many years he served as the presiding Elder of the Lynn District, Weber County, where he died in 1875.

WILLIAM CARTER

William Carter was born in Leadbury, Herefordshire. It was there that he received the Gospel in 1840. Within a year he was in Nauvoo, where he had the opportunity to assist in the construction of the temple. Upon arriving in the Valley in 1847, he held the plough for the first cultivation.

Brother Carter had many opportunities to serve the Lord. His experience on the Nauvoo Temple made him

well qualified to assist in the construction of the House of the Lord in St. George. He also served as Bishop of the 14th Ward in Salt Lake City for a number of years before his death in 1895.

JOHN DIXON

Another Briton among those of the first company of Pioneers was John Dixon. He was born in 1818, and went to America soon after his conversion to the Gospel.

He had a singular opportunity to serve in the Lord's work when he accompanied George Q. Cannon to the Hawaiian Islands to introduce the Gospel there.

Having returned to Zion, he and three others were hauling wood to Snyder's Mill near Parley's Park when, on August 17th, 1853, they were fired on by Indians and Brother Dixon was killed.

HOWARD EGAN

Another Irishman was Howard Egan. He was born in Tullamore, King's Co., Ireland, but moved to Montreal at the age of 8.

After making the long journey across the plains, he, too, retraced his steps with Brigham Young to Winter Quarters, to return the following year with his wife and family.

Brother Egan was a real frontiersman. The diary he kept of his experiences as a Pony Express and Overland Mail Agent was published under the title, "Pioneering the West." Always a lover of the out-door life, he laboured as a missionary and intermediary among the Indians for some time. He died in 1878, survived by a large family of Pioneers and colonisers.

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It is significant to us in Britain today that the colonisation of the West, and the establishment of the Lord's house in the tops of the mountains, was assisted by several native sons of this land. And so, as we read of the Centennial activities over there, our hearts and minds go out to the faith and courage of our predecessors—faith and courage as perfectly exemplified by the lives of these ten men.

NORWEGIAN SAINT RECALLS WAR EXPERIENCES

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wanted to remain clear of all the filth and corruption going on banded together and tried to help one another through these awful times. I found that by seeking the Lord in prayer and receiving His guidance I gained strength to keep on the straight and narrow path.

Once in a while I received word from my wife which was very encouraging. She never gave up the thought that I would return. She sent me all the things I needed. On Fast Sundays I gave my rations to those who needed them worse than I. Although my fellow prisoners could not understand this, it did give me an opportunity to explain my beliefs. Many of these officers whom I have talked with since told me that they noticed I had something greater than they had.

One afternoon as I was lying on my bunk I heard my name called and I jumped to report. A German officer informed me that I was leaving and to be ready in two hours. News like this spreads as a wildfire through the camp and immediately everyone wanted to know why I was leaving. Some thought I was being transferred to another camp so that I could be with others of my faith, but I could give them no answer. I tried to find out from the camp commander where I was going, but to no avail. One of the chaplains thought I was surely to be liquidated and asked how I felt and if I was uneasy. I told him I was feeling fine. He inquired as to what Church I belonged to, and after learning I was a Mormon, said, "Then I'm certain you

are with some of God's men." We prayed together and said our goodbyes.

STRANGE JOURNEY

I was put on a train with a guard, having no idea where I was going. Many times we changed trains and many times were forced, because of bombings, to go back and take another line. At night I tried to recall what knowledge I had of directions and found out from the stars we were going northwest and thought perhaps we were headed for Hamburg, but did not know. Once I heard the guard say "Arus." I had no idea what it meant and repeated it over and over again to see if I could detect what he meant. It was not Russian or anything else that I knew, but suddenly the idea struck me! It was Aarhus. Surely that was the way a German would pronounce Aarhus. I was right, for at last we arrived in Aarhus in Denmark. I wondered if I was going home. I hardly dared entertain the thought of seeing my beloved family and Norway again.

After a couple of days they put me on a troop transport down in the hold. We were soon escorted by warships and aeroplanes out to the open sea. If the boat should be torpedoed I knew I had no chance of escape, but I was ready to meet whatever happened. The ship turned in its course because of mines. For 30 hours I did not know exactly where we were going, but on the afternoon of the second day I went up on deck and there I saw the Ferder Lighthouse, which meant Norway. No one will ever know the joy that filled me or the gratitude that was in my heart for the blessings of my Heavenly Father.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

A SPECIAL Conference Committee met, under the direction of President Selvoy J. Boyer, on June 4th, at Mission Headquarters in London, to discuss plans pertaining to the 1948 British Mission-wide Conference.

LOST! and FOUND (?)

TWO softballs and one glove with "Ireland" or "Irish" on, were lost at the Bradford Conference. Anyone knowing anything about these properties, please contact Elder James L. Mortensen, 60 Hopefield Ave., Belfast, Ireland.

MILLENNIAL STAR CONTEST WINNER

THE MORMON PIONEERS

By GLADYS QUAYLE

Sunderland Branch

Once more the clarion call goes forth
And those who hear obey,
The voice of God's own Priesthood
In this glorious latter day;
For we are called to celebrate
With joy—and maybe tears—
The entry into Salt Lake of
The Mormon Pioneers.

A gallant band of people
Who were driven from Nauvoo,
And crossed the frozen river
With their feet oft frozen too;
They trekked across a Continent
But had no doubts or fears,
They trusted God implicitly—
Those Mormon Pioneers.

Led by a Prophet of the Lord
Unto the great Salt Lake—
They viewed the barren desert
With the sage brush in its wake;
'Twas here they'd find the freedom
Promised by their Prophet dear,
With grateful hearts they humbly prayed
Each Mormon Pioneer.

A mighty task awaited them
But they did not despair;
They made the desert flourish thro'
Their faith, work, and prayer;
They built a Temple to the Lord
Away from taunts and jeers
And commenced an ideal commonwealth
Those Mormon Pioneers.

Their task is now accomplished
Zion blossoms as the rose,
In the midst of Rocky Mountains
Where the Sego Lily grows;
And as we meet to celebrate
One hundred glorious years
Let's remember all we owe to them—
The Mormon Pioneers.



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NEPHI AND ZORAM WITH THE BRASS PLATES

[Painting by J. Leo Fairbanks]

And it came to pass that when the servant of Laban beheld my brethren he began to tremble, and was about to flee from before me and return to the city of Jerusalem.

And now I, Nephi, being a man large in stature, and also having received much strength of the Lord, therefore I did seize upon the servant of Laban, and held him, that he should not flee.

And it came to pass that I spake with him, that if he would hearken unto my words, as the Lord liveth, and as I live, even so that if he would hearken unto our words, we would spare his life.

And I spake unto him, even with an oath, that he need not fear; that he should be a free man like unto us if he would go down in the wilderness with us. (1 Nephi 4: 30-33)